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SUBJECT: BIDDING FOR LONG-HAUL BUSES

1. COMMATT AYLWARD HAD LONG DISCUSSION YESTERDAY WITH
GENERAL JEFFERSON CHANG, HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TAIWAN
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, REGARDING STATUS OF PENDING AWARD OF
CONTRACT FOR 5 LONG-HAUL BUSES. COMPETITION BETWEEN
GREYHOUND-NCI AND MERCEDES IS SO INTENSE THAT CHANG IS
SCHEDULING MEETING OF ROC GOVT AT SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
CHANG SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION
ON ARAMCO'S PROBLEMS WITH MERCEDES BUSES WHICH ACCORDING TO
GREYHOUND-MCI HAD DEFECTIVE AIR CONDITIONING UNITS. IF
MERCEDES HAS ON ITS HANDS LARGE NUMBER OF BUSES REJECTED BY
ARAMCO, THIS MIGHT EXPLAIN VERY LOW PRICE MERCEDES IS NOW
OFFERING.

2. IF BUSES WERE REJECTED AND THIS INFORMATION IS
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN SAUDI ARABIA, TELEGRAPHIC REPLY
CAN BE SENT IN THE CLEAR.
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